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# Turner confirmation assured

WASHINGTON (UPI) — His nomination never in any real trouble, Adm. Stansfield Turner sailed through the Senate Intelligence Committee toward assured confirmation as director of central intelligence.

The 53-year-old Turner, nominated by former Naval Academy classmate President Carter, stuck to his own warning on a note before him on the witness table Tuesday to "be crisp, be positive," and won support of the panel which scheduled a formal vote on confirmation later today.

"I'm very much impressed by you, sir," said Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, the chairman. "I don't see any problems. You will be confirmed."

This was in contrast to the

fate of Theodore Sorensen, Carter's first choice for the job, who dramatically withdrew his nomination on the first day of his hearing before the same panel Jan. 17, saying it was clear "a substantial portion of the Senate and the intelligence community" opposed him.

Turner, a 30-year Naval veteran and current commander of Allied Forces in Southern Europe, was crisp and positive in stating that he would resign rather than carry out any CIA activities he considered immoral or illegal, even if ordered by the President.

But he said he could not rule out future paramilitary operations or covert or clandestine intelligence activities if open alternatives could not prevail in a situation genuinely endanger-

ing U.S. national security.

Even then, he said, such activities would be reported to the committee before they were carried out or as soon as practical, as would reports on any wrongdoings by CIA agents or other intelligence personnel.

Turner's new job carries two hats — that of chief of CIA and overall director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security agency and all other government bodies involved in such work.

The admiral raised committee eyebrows only when he said he wanted to keep his rank if cleared for the CIA and bring in four of his former naval staff as aides.

"I come to this as an active military officer as the law provides," he said, pointing out

that 11 previous CIA directors or deputy directors had come from the military, and seven had returned to the service.

"They're not servants," he said of the aides. "They are highly qualified officers with whom I have rapport in writing speeches, answering correspondence, administrative work. I'm reluctant to step into a maelstrom of activity without help."

He added that if their services later prove not required, he will send them back to regular duty.

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